

1. (Amended) A button cover holding mechanism of a portable telephone which has a button cover with a plurality of circular holes therein, and has a body having [a reception guide rail and] a projection bar, comprising:

the body having an elongated reception guide rail formed therein;

a cylindrical bush, a cylindrical ring and a spring inserted into the circular holes of the button cover, covered with a cover mounting projection, and sealed by an ultrasonic connection technique;

wherein the cylindrical ring is inserted into the elongated reception guide rail of the body by positioning said cylindrical bush toward a projection bar of said body, said cylindrical bush and said cylindrical ring are outwardly positioned by a restoring force of said spring to fit the cylindrical ring in the elongated reception guide rail, and a trough portion of said cylindrical bush is assembled to contact said projection bar;

wherein said cylindrical bush includes wave projections, and said projection bar of said body is in contact with the wave projections to directly apply said restoring force of said spring to the cylindrical bush; and

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wherein said restoring force is generated by a change in a moving distance of said spring according to a phase of said cylindrical bush which causes a moment for rotating said button cover, for facilitating opening and closing said button cover.

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3. (Amended) A portable telephone [comprising:] ~~having~~ telephone circuitry including a plurality of buttons for use thereof [;], the portable telephone comprising:

~~a button cover with a plurality of circular holes therein, with the button cover for covering the plurality of buttons; and~~

~~a body having [a] an elongated reception guide rail and a projection bar; and~~

~~a button cover holding mechanism including:~~

~~\* a cover mounting projection;~~

~~a bush including projections in contact with the projection bar;~~

~~a ring positioned in the elongated reception guide rail; and~~

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a resilient member for applying a restoring force to the bush and for fitting the ring in the elongated reception guide rail;

wherein each of the bush, the ring, and the resilient member is positioned in the circular holes of the button cover and covered with the cover mounting projection.

8. (Amended) A button cover holding mechanism of a portable telephone which has a button cover with a plurality of circular holes therein, and which has a body having [a reception guide rail and] a projection bar, the button cover holding mechanism formed by a process comprising the steps of:

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inserting a cylindrical bush into the circular holes;

inserting a cylindrical ring into the circular holes;

inserting the cylindrical ring into an elongated reception guide rail of the body;

inserting a spring into the circular holes to apply a restoring force to the cylindrical ring to fit the cylindrical ring into the elongated reception guide rail;